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COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/046,346
Filing Date	10/26/01
Group Art Unit	2832
Examiner Name	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MINIMIZING DEGRADATION OF SIC BIPOLAR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

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Application Number 10/046,346 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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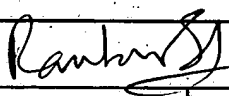
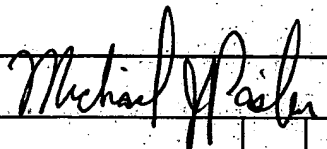
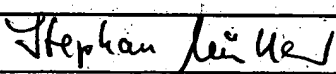
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